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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER B.)

1. FOR POST'S BACKGROUND, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEPTTEL 039126 SENT TO INTERESTED POSTS ON FEBRUARY 18 CONCERNING VICE PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL PLANS AS THEY WERE AT THAT TIME. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON MESSAGE AS NECESSARY IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRES CONCERNING OTHER PORTIONSOF VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

2. QUOTE: PLEASE ADVISE HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT AT 10:00 A.M., WASHINGTON, TIME, FEBRUARY 19.

3. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER TO TRAVEL TO SIX NATIONS BETWEEN MARCH 20 AND APRIL 4 TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AT BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES AND TO CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSIONS. INCLUDED IN THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY WILL BE STOPS IN FRANCE, IRAN, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. ROCKEFELLER. ENDQUOTE. KISSINGER

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